

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-8.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

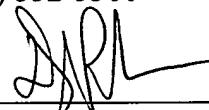
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Curtis B. Hamre (Reg. No. 29,165), at (612) 336.4755.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903
(612) 332-5300

By



Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No. 30,300

Dated: 26 April 2001

DPM:hjh

Marked-up Copy

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

3. A man-hour management system according to [either of Claims 1 and 2,] claim1, comprising a timing graph data table for performing registration management of data of a timing graph, data being assigned to said timing graph data table from said main man-hour management table;

wherein said man-hour output means outputs the man-hour information by being assigned data also from said timing graph data table.

4. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 3,] claim 1,comprising a line name table for performing registration management of modes of lines which implement works;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said line name table.

5. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 4,] claim 1, comprising a series table for performing registration management of series and types associated with the series;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said series table.

6. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 5,] claim 1, comprising a derivation table for performing registration management of derivatives associated with each of the series and the types;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said derivation table.

7. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 6,]
claim 1, comprising:

a database in which the tables are stored; and

series data backup means for extracting the data of said tables in series units as have become unnecessary, from said database, and for re-storing said data of said tables extracted in series units, in said database.

8. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 7,]
claim 1, wherein the constituent work has its each movement classified into one of a main movement, an auxiliary movement and a quasi movement, and standardized man-hours analyzed are set for said each movement.